BY THE NUMBERS — FY 2017

MAKING AN IMPACT

Georgia’s Public Libraries comprises 407 total facilities in 63 library systems. During FY17, our libraries had over 28 million in-person visits and over 41 million virtual visits. Our 9,541 public computers provide high speed access to the Internet, which allow citizens to find employment and stay connected with their communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Population — 10,508,057 (FY2017 estimate, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders — 4,268,918
- Percent of population holding library cards — 40.6%
- Public library systems — 63
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 407
- Total paid library staff (FTE) — 2,701
- State-certified public librarians — 633

HOLDINGS

- Books and magazines — 16,240,089
- Audios (incl. downloadable) — 828,215
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) — 1,145,328
- E-books — 759,618

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Total hours open — 854,977
- Patron visits — 28,830,607
- Virtual visits (via library websites) — 41,398,521
- Total Visits - 70,229,128
- Total materials circulation — 35,517,426
  - Physical materials circulation — 33,026,183
  - E-book circulation — 1,397,959
  - Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 1,093,284
- Youth materials circulation — 15,923,674
- GLASS (talking book) circulations — 454,631
- GALILEO usage via public libraries — 1,730,140
- Programs offered — 98,093
- Attendance at programs — 2,859,201
- Total public-access Internet computers — 9,541 (includes more than 1,300 GPLS-hosted cloud computers)
- Total user sessions of electronic resources, excluding wireless — 12,199,464
- Total wireless sessions used (estimated, based on 330 tracking libraries) — 4,837,150
- Average broadband speed: 100Mbps; minimum speed of 25Mbps/maximum speed of 1G
Annual Funding in Georgia for Public Library Services, July 2016-June 2017

Local: $168,087,423
Georgia ranks 47th per capita and 25th overall in the nation.
- Direct revenue from
  Local Government: $117,254,594
  Local Government on-behalf: $39,598,445
  Library fees and donations: $11,234,384

State: $36,206,581
Georgia ranks 13th per capita and 8th overall in the nation.
- State Grants to Libraries:* $28,592,281
- State Government on-behalf**: $4,602,739
- GPLS/GLASS/PINES Operations: $3,011,561

Federal: $5,045,552
- IMLS-LSTA State Programs* grant expenditures

TOTAL FUNDING: $209,339,556
Georgia ranks 48th per capita and 23rd overall in the nation.
*State Grants to Libraries includes $.25 per capita for library materials
**State on-behalf funds and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provide public libraries with statewide services such as GLASS, GALILEO, email and Internet access.

Additional Library Support Awarded for FY17 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects: $7,800,000
MRR Facilities Grants: $2,000,000
Technology Grants: $2,000,000
TOTAL FY17 BOND FUNDING: $11,800,000